

STOCKTON  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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# Annual Report

of the

Medical Officers of Health

the

Sanitary Inspector

and the

Surveyor

for the Year 1937

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## *Annual Reports of the Medical Officers of Health for the year 1937*

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	...	...	...	...	40,276
Population (Census, 1931)	...	...	...	...	6,517
Population (Estimated, 1937)	...	...	...	...	7,890
Number of Houses	...	...	...	...	2,226
New Houses built by the Council	...	...	...	...	Nil
New Houses built by private enterprise	...	...	...	...	50
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	£47,158
Product of one penny rate	...	...	...	...	£185

GENTLEMEN :

I have the honour to present my report on the health and vital statistics of the part of your area under my control comprising the parishes of Aislaby, Carlton, Egglestone, Elton, Grindon, Long Newton, Newsham, Newton Bewley, Norton, Preston-on-Tees, Redmarshall and Whitton, for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

**Extracts from Vital Statistics.**

	Males	Females	Total	Birth Rate
Births—Legitimate	39	58	97	13.81

Births—Illegitimate	1	2	3	0.4
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Still Births—Legitimate	—	2		
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Still Births—Illegitimate	—	—		
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	Males	Females	Total	Death Rate
Deaths	57	37	94	12.98

Infantile Deaths—

Legitimate	3	1
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Illegitimate	1	—
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Infantile Death rate 53.3 per 1,000 live births

Number of women dying in consequence of childbirth :

from Sepsis	Nil
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from Other Causes	Nil
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Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
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Deaths from Whooping Cough	Nil
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Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	Nil
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CAUSES OF DEATH		Males	Females
Other liver diseases	...	...	...
Other digestive diseases	...	2	...
Ac. and Chr. Nephritis	...	2	1
Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...
Other Puerperal diseases	...	...	...
Con. Deb., Prem. Birth, etc.	...	3	...
Senility	...	2	1
Suicide	...	...	...
Other violence	...	3	2
Other defined disease	...	6	2
Ill Defined or N.K.	...	1	...
Diarrhoea, 2 years and over	...	...	...
Diabetes	...	1	...
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	...	1	4
Heart Disease	...	14	11
Aneurysm	...	...	...
Other circulatory diseases	...	2	4
Bronchitis	...	1	...
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	1	2
Other respiratory diseases	...	2	1
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...
Diarrhoea, under 2 years	...	...	...
Appendicitis	...	...	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...
Measles	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	...	1	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...
Influenza	...	3	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of Resp. System	...	...	2
Other Tuberculosis	...	...	...
Syphilis	...	...	...
G.P.I., Tabes, &c.	...	...	...
Cancer	...	12	5
Total	...	57	37

### Ages at Death.

Under 1 year	1 to 2 yrs	2 to 5 "	5 to 15 "	15 to 25 "	25 to 45 "	45 to 65 "	65 to 70 "	70 & Over ,
4	—	—	5	13	18	14	11	29

TOTAL ... 94

### Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

DISEASE.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases removed to Hospital.	Deaths
Scarlet Fever ...	18	14	1
Pneumonia ...	15	1	3
Diphtheria ...	4	2	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	3	...	...
Paratyphoid Fever ...	1	...	...
Erysipelas ...	4	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	1	1	...
Total	46	18	4

### Age Groups of attack.

	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	and over	
Scarlet Fever	...	2	—	2	2	6	4	—	2	—	—	—	18
Pneumonia	...	—	2	1	1	1	1	2	—	4	2	1	15
Diphtheria	...	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	4
Opht. Neonatorum	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
													TOTAL ... 46

### OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

One case was notified during the year. The infant was treated at hospital and the condition cleared up with unimpaired vision.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non- Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non- Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5-15	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
15-25	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
25-35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-45	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-65 & over	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Totals	3	1	1	2	—	2	—	—

# COMPARATIVE TABLE

**showing Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1937.**

(England and Wales, London, 125 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns and Stockton Rural District)

	England and Wales	125 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Administrative County	Stockton Rural District	
Rates per 1,000 Population						
<b>Births:—</b>						
Live ...	14.9	14.9	15.3	13.3	13.8	
Still ...	0.60	0.67	0.64	0.54	0.2	
<b>Deaths:—</b>						
All Causes ...	12.4	12.5	11.9	12.3	12.98	
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	
Measles ...	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	
Scarlet Fever ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
Whooping Cough ...	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.00	
Diphtheria ...	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.00	
Influenza ...	0.45	0.39	0.42	0.38	0.55	
Violence ...	0.54	0.45	0.42	0.51	0.68	
<b>Notifications:—</b>						
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	
Scarlet Fever ...	2.33	2.56	2.42	2.09	2.46	
Diphtheria ...	1.49	1.81	1.38	1.93	0.05	
Enteric Fever ...	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.00	
Erysipelas ...	0.37	0.43	0.34	0.44	0.05	
Pneumonia ...	1.36	1.58	1.20	1.18	2.07	
Rates per 1,000 Live Births						
Deaths under 1 year of age ...	58	62	55	60	53.3	
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	5.8	7.9	3.2	12.0	0.00	
<b>Maternal Mortality:—</b>						
Puerperal Sepsis ...	0.97	Not available			0.00	
Others ...	2.26				0.00	
Total ...	3.23				0.00	
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still)						
<b>Maternal Mortality:—</b>						
Puerperal Sepsis ...	0.94	Not available			0.00	
Others ...	2.17				0.00	
Total ...	3.11				0.00	
<b>Notifications:—</b>						
Puerperal Fever	13.93	17.59	11.52	4.15	0.00	
Puerperal Pyrexia	3.93			14.34	29.00	

**Population.** The return from the Register General after the adjustment of the area shows a population of 7,238 which is 658 more than last year.

**Births.** The number of these registered during the year was 100 being one more than last year; 40 were males and 60 females.

**Deaths.** The number of these was 94, as compared with 61 of previous year and gives a death rate of 12.98 for this year as against 10.33 for the previous year. England & Wales is 12.4.

**Infantile Mortality.** There being five deaths in children under one year of age the infantile death rate is 53.3 per 1,000 births, an increase on last year which was 41.6, but favourable in comparision to England & Wales which is 58.0.

**Notifiable Diseases.** Although the total number of these is increased by three—being 46 in comparision with 43 last year—the District must be considered extremely fortunate to escape the severe visitations both of Scarlet Fever and of Diphtheria, that almost all surrounding areas have suffered.

Scarlet Fever showed 18 cases as compared with 23 the previous year. 14 of these were removed to Hospital and one case died.

There were only four cases of Diphtheria as against 10 last year. Two were removed to Hospital and all cases recovered.

Pneumonia showed an increased to 15 cases—only five were notified last year. One case was removed to Hospital and there were three deaths from this disease.

Of Puerperal Pyrexia three cases were notified and all recovered as did one case of Paratyphoid Fever.

Four cases of Erysipelas all recovered.

One case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum happened and was sent to Hospital where it recovered with vision unimpaired.

Notification was received of seven new cases of Tuberculosis of which four were Pulmonary type—three males and one female and three non-Pulmonary — one male and two females.

Two deaths occurred from this disease, both female and both pulmonary.

**Drains and Sewers.** These are dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS J. KIRK.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Stockton Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my report on the part of your area under my control comprising the parishes of Brierton, Claxton, Dalton Piercy, Elwick, Elwick Hall, Greatham, Hart and Seaton for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

Since my last report there has been an amalgamation of the old districts comprising the Stockton Rural and Hartlepool Rural Areas. As a result, I do not now have population figures and statistics of the causes of death sent to me by the Registrar General for my part of your district. My analysis then of the state of the public health must of a necessity be compiled from notifications received by me, and by an estimate of the population from previous figures.

For a similar reason there will be no separate report for my area dealing with milk and dairies, food and drugs, scavenging, water supply and housing this year. Your Sanitary Inspector and your Surveyor will presumably deal with the district as a whole.

#### Statistics Relating to Infants.

		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate Births	...	8	12	20
Illegitimate Births	...	1	1	2
Total	...	9	13	22
Deaths of infants under one year		3	—	3

Birth Rate—9.4 per 1000 of the population.

Infant Mortality Rate—130 per 1000 births.

These rates are not flattering. As a general rule these statistics compare more than favourably with the country as a

whole, but as we are dealing with figures of low magnitude, the margin of error is great, and we occasionally find results that are no true criterion of the condition of the district.

### **Infectious Diseases.**

We have again had a favourable year from the point of view that few cases have occurred. I think that the numbers are the lowest on record. Six of the patients had to be treated in hospital and the average duration of hospital treatment was 30 days. Three of the cases were suffering from a serious type of diphtheria necessitating hospitalization of upwards of 50 days each—these bringing up the average.

I tabulate the notifications below.

	Notified	Admitted to Hospital
Tuberculosis (Surgical)	...	1
Diphtheria	...	3
Scarlet Fever	...	2
Lobar Pneumonia	...	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	—
 Total	...	—
	10	6

It is interesting to note that there has not been a case of phthisis notified for two years, and also that of those children you had immunised two years ago, not one figures in the diphtheria notifications.

During the year there have been 27 deaths in the area—17 male and 10 female

This gives a death rate of 11·6 per 1000 of the population.

### **Fever Hospital Arrangements.**

Cases of infectious disease were admitted to the West Hartlepool Isolation Hospital under an arrangement previously made.

Middlesbrough Corporation have agreed to admit to their small-pox hospital such cases as may require admission.

Tuberculosis, Maternity and Child Welfare, and Treatment Centres are administered by the County Council.

### **Professional Nursing in the Home.**

A district Nurse is stationed at Greatham, and she ministers to an area stretching from Wolviston to Graythorpe. She is employed by a Voluntary Nursing Association which is helped financially by the Council.

A similar body maintains a nurse at Elwick whose area comprises Elwick, Stotfold, Dalton Piercy and Hart.

### **Midwives.**

Both the above nurses are certified midwives, and they are the only midwives resident in the district.

### **Laboratory Facilities.**

Pathological specimens are examined and reported on by the staff of the Armstrong College of Medicine.

### **Ambulance Facilities.**

Fever patients are removed to hospital by ambulance at the Council's expense.

Other types of patients must find their own means of transport.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. S. MATHER,

Medical Officer of Health.

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Stockton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen :

I have the honour to present to you my Third Annual Report upon the Sanitary Administration in the Rural District.

### **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

**Water Supply.** With few exceptions water is supplied throughout the area by the Tees Valley Water Board and the Hartlepool Gas and Water Co., and these supplies have been unrestricted and of good quality. No shortage of water occurred during the year in the villages of Elwick and Dalton Piercy whose supply is derived from the Village Pump.

**Scavenging.** The removal and disposal of house refuse and the cleansing of earth closets, privies and ash pits is undertaken by private contract in the Parishes of Egglescliffe, Norton, Preston-on-Tees, Longnewton, Whitton, Aislaby, Carlton, Hart, Greatham and Elwick.

The refuse is disposed of in the Parish of Egglescliffe by tipping into a disused quarry and in the other Parishes by spreading on the field as manure.

**Summary of Inspections under Article 19 of the Sanitary Officers  
Order, 1926**

Slaughter Houses	...	...	...	424
Dwelling-houses (Primary inspection)	...	...	...	1037
Dwelling-houses (Re-inspection)	...	...	...	1037
Cowsheds	...	...	...	2710
Sewage Disposal Works	...	...	...	18
Re Water Supply	...	...	...	40
Meat Shops	...	...	...	340
Premises—Swine, Fowls, &c.	...	...	...	19
Workshops	...	...	...	10
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	22
Offensive Accumulations	...	...	...	64
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	42
Stables	...	...	...	8
Factories	...	...	...	—
Milkshops	...	...	...	12
Bakehouses	...	...	...	—
Food and Drugs	...	...	...	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	14
Miscellaneous :				
Petrol Stations, Fire Appliances, Schools, &c.			32	
				5839

## HOUSING.

An extensive survey of houses in the District has been undertaken during the year and re-conditioning is being insisted on when found necessary.

No difficulties have arisen in action taken under the Housing Acts, and good progress is being made with the work necessary to make these houses reasonably fit for human habitation.

Tabulated details of the work are given under the Housing Statistics.

## HOUSING STATISTICS.

### 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :--

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	1037
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	1037
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ...	—
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ... ... ...	15
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ...	44

### 2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ... ... ...	27
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### 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

#### (A) Proceedings under Section 17, 18 & 23 of the Housing Act, 1930.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	—
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## HOUSING STATISTICS—continued.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	...	—

(B) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	...	—

(C) Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930. \*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....

...	...	...	...	...	—
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....

...	...	...	...	...	—
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(D) Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....

...	...	...	...	...	—
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(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .....

...	...	...	...	...	—
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E. Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices became operative requiring repairs .....

...	...	...	...	...	—
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	—

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close .....

...	...	...	...	...	—
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## HOUSING STATISTICS—continued.

### F. Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative	...	..	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit	...	...	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders became operative	...	...	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	—

## SUMMARY OF WORK DONE IN THE SANITARY INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAY 1937.

1. Public Health Acts.	Number of Informal written Notices by Inspector	Number of Formal Notices by order of Authority	Number of Nuisances abated after Notice	General Remarks
Dwelling-houses { Foul Conditions	—	—	—	
and Structural defects	216	2	27	
Schools { Overcrowding	—	—	—	
Lodging-house ... ...	—	—	—	
Dairies and Milkshops ... ...	6	—	6	
Cowsheds ... ...	8	—	8	
Bakehouses ... ...	—	—	—	
Slaughter-houses ... ...	2	—	2	
Ashpits and Privies ... ...	69	—	69	
Deposits of Refuse and Manure ...	46	—	46	
Waterclosets ... ...	24	—	24	
Defective Yard Paving ...	22	—	22	
House { Defective Traps	—	—	—	
Drainage { No Disconnection from	—	—	—	
Sewers ...	—	—	—	
Other Faults ...	34	—	34	
Water Supply ... ...	18	—	18	
Pigsties ... ...	2	—	2	
Animals Improperly Kept ...	—	—	—	
Offensive Trades ...	—	—	—	
Smoke Nuisances ...	—	—	—	
Other Nuisances ...	—	—	—	
<b>Totals</b> ...	<b>447</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>258</b>	

		Number	Remarks
<b>2. Water, Food, and Drugs.</b>			
Samples of Water taken for Analysis	...	6	
,,        "    condemned as unfit for use	...	5	
Seizures of Unwholesome Food	...	—	60 stones beef. 15 stones Pork. Surrendered after slaughter.
Convictions for exposing or selling Un- wholesome Food	...	—	
Samples of Food and Drugs taken for Analysis	...	6	
,,        "    found Adulterated	...	—	
<b>3. Precautions against Infectious Disease.</b>			
Lots of Infectious Bedding stoved or destroyed	...	—	
Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease		18	
Schools   do.           do.	...	1	
Prosecutions for exposure of infected persons or things	...	—	
Convictions for   do.           do.	...	—	
<b>4. General.</b>			
Number of New Houses erected during the year	...	50	
Number of such houses occupied during the year	...	49	
Ashpit-privies converted into Ash-closets		42	
Do.           do.           Water-closets		27	
Ash-closets   do.           do.	...	—	
Total number of Water-closets in District		1180	
Do.           Ash-closets   do.	...	1011	
Do.           Ashpit-privies do.	...	107	
Do.           Chemical Closets do.		12	

**(1) Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.**

Premises	Number of Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Factories (including Factory Laundries) ...	...	...	...
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	10	...	Nil
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)	...	...	...
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>—</b>

**(2) Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.**

Particulars	Number of Defects	Number of Offences in respect of which Prosecutions were Instituted		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—*</i>				
Want of cleanliness	...			
Want of ventilation	..			
Overcrowding	...			
Want of drainage of floors	...			
Other Nuisances	...	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Accommodation—				
Insufficient	..			
Unsuitable or defective	...			
Not separate for sexes	..			

\* Including those specified in Sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, remediable under the Public Health Acts.

*Offences under the Factory  
and Workshop Acts:—*

Illegal occupation of under-  
ground bakehouse (s101)

Other offences ... ..

(Excluding offences relating  
to outwork and offences  
under the Sections men-  
tioned in the Schedule to  
the Ministry of Health  
(Factories and Workshops  
Transfer of Powers) Order,  
1921).

Nil Nil Nil Nil

Total ... — — — —

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### (a) Milk.

Under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, regular inspections were carried out and defects pointed out where necessary. A steady improvement is noticeable in the general conduct of these premises, this being assisted by the modernising of the many byres and dairies.

In addition to my own frequent visits each farm has been visited by a Member of the County Veterinary Staff with the object of detecting and eliminating cows affected by Tuberculosis and other diseases.

A steady increase of Accredited Milk producers is being maintained whilst the following table indicates the list of Graded Milk sellers in the District.

Tuberculin Tested Milk	1
Pasteurised	1
Accredited Milk	10

The number of Registered Premises where milk is produced is 166.

### (b) Meat and other Foods.

There is nothing unusual to Report under this sub-heading. The usual careful supervision has been given which necessitated numerous inspections and resulted in the following animals etc., being condemned.

The entire carcase and offal of one beast.

The entire carcase and offal of two pigs.

Miscellaneous organs, two stones.

Beef, twelve stones.

Pork, two stones.

Legal action has not been necessary, the above foodstuffs having been voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

Apart from slaughterhouses, other premises where food is prepared and stored have received attention.

### FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928

Samples of milk for analysis were taken in the Parishes of Egglestone, Longnewton and Preston and the Public Analyst's report showed that in all cases the samples were of genuine quality.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE

There has been a large decrease in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria. The position is summarised in the following table which gives the total number of cases notified.

DISEASE	1936	1937	INCREASE	DECREASE
Scarlet Fever	22	18	—	4
Diphtheria	11	4	—	7
TOTALS	33	22	—	11

## MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1923

Two dealers' licences to sell 'Tuberculin Tested' Milk purchases in bottles from a person duly licenced to sell under that designation were issued to Mr. Henry James Hargreaves, Whiteley Springs Farm, Eaglescliffe and Messrs. Williams & Duell, Glebe Farm, Eaglescliffe.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

G. W. T. BROWN, A.R.S.I., M.S.A.I.,

Sanitary Inspector.

# *Annual Report of the Surveyor for the Year 1937*

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GENTLEMEN :

I have the honour to present my Report for the year 1937, covering buildings, sewers, &c., under the jurisdiction of the enlarged Stockton Rural District Council.

**Building.** During the year 1937, plans for 81 buildings were submitted for the consideration of the Council. In 73 cases approval was given, six were approved after alterations or modification to the plans, and two were rejected outright.

The allocation of buildings in the respective Parishes were as follows :

	Houses	Garages and Petrol Pumps	Farm Buildings	Misc.
Carlton	4	—	—	—
Dalton Piercy	—	—	1	—
Egglecliffe	10	6	—	—
Elwick	6	—	3	—
Greatham	2	—	—	—
Grindon	2	—	—	—
Hart	35	—	—	—
Long Newton	2	—	—	3
Norton	1	1	—	—
Preston-on-Tees	1	4	—	—
	63	11	4	3

Of these 42 were for brick built two-storey houses, nine for brick built bungalows, one for wooden building, 10 extensions to existing buildings, two public garages, six permanent private garages, three temporary wooden private garages, one new cow byre, three milk houses, and three works buildings.

The transfer of the greater part of Wolviston from this Rural District together with the increased cost of building has had the effect of making less speculative building in the area.

The 35 houses at Hart are being erected for the Durham County Council and are for Land Settlement purposes.

Two wooden bungalows have been completed in the late Hartlepools Rural District. These were in course of erection when this District was included in the Stockton Rural District.

No additions or alterations have been made to any Licensed Premises during the year.

A new brickworks have been erected at Coatham Stob in the Parish of Long Newton. This is equipped with the most modern machinery, and with eight continuous kilns will, when in full operation, have a large output.

I understand that some housing accommodation for workers will be provided by the owners in the near future

Four Farm Cottages at Preston Farm have been reconditioned under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act.

This has relieved the Council from the necessity of providing alternative accommodation to replace defective houses.

36 new houses have been completed and occupied during the year.

585 visits of inspection have been made to buildings, &c., in course of erection or alteration.

**Sewers and Drains.** Generally these have been satisfactory throughout the District considering their limitations in some Parishes.

The extension to the sewer at Egglescliffe Village in Back Road to Manor Farm has been completed and this has enabled the cottages on the West side of Village Green to put in proper drains and Water Closets.

A small extension on the East side of Village Green has also been completed.

The sewers in the Village of Elwick are old, in poor condition, with no means of inspection or flushing, and the question of providing new and proper sewers to serve the whole of the Village, will have to be considered by the Council at an early date.

Extension of the Carlton Village sewer is required to the East, and a scheme for this has been prepared and submitted to the Council.

The existing sewers lack inspection chambers and means of flushing and provision of these has been included in the above scheme.

At present there is no proper system of sewers in the Village of Hart. The waste sink water being discharged directly into beck from individual drains.

In the case of 29 of the new houses built for the Durham County Council, provision has been made by settling tanks and filters before discharge into beck, but the remaining six houses drain to cesspools.

The new watercart has facilitated the flushing of drains.

**Sewerage Disposal Works.** Carlton disposal works are bad, small, and inefficient, but schemes for new works have been prepared.

The scheme for seweraging Letch Lane with the accompanying Disposal Works was submitted to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of granting a loan towards its cost, but they were not prepared at the present time to give favourable consideration to this, unless the abutting land owners are prepared to contribute a reasonable proportion towards the cost.

They do however, agree to the extension of the village sewer and new disposal works to serve village, but insist that these works must be on a larger site.

There is at present no sewerage treatment at Elwick, the sewers discharge directly into a ditch immediately at the rear of cottage gardens on the South side of Village Green.

As this is comparatively close to the houses, and the ditch has no regular running water it is both objectionable and dangerous to health.

A scheme for the proper treatment of sewerage from the Village of Thorpe Thewles has been prepared.

At present the sewers discharge directly into the beck near Vicars Bridge,

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

STEPHEN H. CLARKE,

Surveyor.







